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International Walk to School Day

Downey Unified invites students, parents and staff to participate on Oct. 7th

DOWNEY, CALIF., Sept. 15, 2015 – Downey Unified is pleased to announce its participation in the 18th annual International Walk to School Day on Oct. 7, 2015. Students, parents, and staff partaking in the event show their support for the growing movement and for the Healthy Downey Initiative, a community collaborative that focuses on health and nutrition. The International Walk to School Day, organized by the Partnership for a Walkable America, was launched in 1997 and has expanded globally since that time. The event raises awareness about the need for walkable communities.

Thousands of schools from California to the Carolinas and throughout 40 countries worldwide will partake in the event. By walking or bicycling to school, students better appreciate their neighborhood surroundings, enjoy greater independence, and embrace healthier habits through physical activity. When vehicle pollutants are reduced, everyone enjoys a cleaner and more wholesome environment.

The economic benefits of walking and bicycling are broad-reaching,” commented Board member Willie Gutierrez. “Plus, there is an added economic benefit to local businesses when students, parents, and guardians use community sidewalks.”

To learn more about the ways in which you can participate in Walk to School Day, visit www.dusd.net, and to see photos after International Walk to School Day visit Downey Unified Facebook page at facebook.com/downeyusd.

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About the Downey Unified School District

The Downey Unified School District provides a comprehensive curriculum supporting three high schools, four middle schools, 13 elementary schools and one adult school. The district is committed to developing all students to be self-motivated learners and productive, responsible and compassionate members of an ever-changing global society. Our highly qualified staff foster meaningful relationships with students, parents, and the community while providing a relevant and rigorous curriculum in facilities that advance teaching and learning. It is the vision of Downey Unified to have all students graduate with a 21st Century Education that ensures they are college and career ready, globally competitive and citizens of strong character.
